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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" There is no definite percentage fixed, Sir, for the admission of lady students, but I may assure hon. Members that as far as possible, we are giving every encouragement and support to all deserving lady candidates, seeking admission to these medical colleges."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—" Are not representations being made about the dearth of women medical officers in the Province, and that more women students should be admitted to the medical colleges, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" There has been no special representation either for more women medical officers or for others. There is, of course, the dearth of both men and women doctors in the province and as I have already stated, the Government were obliged to close down some hospitals and dispensaries owing to lack of adequate medical personnel."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN:—" May I know, Sir, the percentage of girl students to boy students in the Medical Colleges? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" Notice is required for that, Sir."

Management of the Government House Estate.

* 73 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—: Will the Hon the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what arrangements have been made for the management of the Government House Estate, Mount Road;

(*b*) whether the Rajaji Hall is let out for meetings, music parties, etc.;

(*c*) whether any rules have been framed containing the conditions on which the Hall is available;

(*d*) who the authority competent to let out the Hall is;

(*e*) whether there is a P.W.D. subdivision in charge of the estate and the buildings therein;

(*f*) whether in addition, a post of Superintendent of the Estate has been created and if so, what his functions and emoluments are;

(*g*) who the present incumbent of the post is:

(*h*) whether he satisfies the qualifications, if any, prescribed for the post;

(*i*) whether the post was advertised for, before it was filled up;

(*j*) whether the buildings in the estate are let out for purposes of residence and if so, who the assigning authority is;

(*k*) whether the Government have received complaints that the estate is in a neglected state; and

(*l*) what steps have been taken by the Government to maintain the buildings and the garden in proper condition?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The management of the Government House Estate, Mount Road, is now under the control of the Government in the Public Works Department. An Officer designated as Superintendent, Government House Estate, has been appointed for supervision over the management of the entire estate.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) No. But permission is being given to—

(1) Party meetings of the Legislative Council and Assembly;

(2) Meetings of recognized charities to which permission has been granted in the past;

(3) Meetings of institutions of national importance;

(4) Entertainments, dances, music, etc., in aid of some large charity or for the troops to which permission has been granted in the past;

(5) Meetings or functions in which His Excellency the Governor or Her Excellency is interested;

(6) Madras University Convocation;

(7) Investiture function; and

(8) Other functions and meetings arranged by Government.

" (*d*) Government.

" (*e*) Yes.

" (*f*) No. The Public Works Department Subdivision executes works of repairs and improvements to the buildings, roads, etc., and for the management there was a caretaker, guest house. His post was abolished in July 1949 and a Superintendent, Government House Estate, was appointed instead.

" His functions are to be—

(1) in charge of the State Guest House;

(2) Rajaji Hall;

(3) Garden Establishment and conservancy staff; and

(4) all functions sponsored by Government.

" His emoluments are Rs. 150 per mensem and free quarters.

" (*g*) Sri C. Govindaraja Mudaliyar (Retired Assistant Secretary, Public Works Department).

" (*h*) No qualifications have been prescribed for the post; but he has acquired the necessary experience as Assistant Secretary to Government in charge of Government House Estate, including the Guest House and having been in charge of arrangements made for several functions sponsored by Government.

" (*i*) No.

" (*j*) Yes, the Government.

"(k) There was a single complaint by an M.L.A. and it was considered by the Advisory Committee of the Hostel in the Government House who considered that no change was necessary.

"(l) Does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, whether in view of the neglected condition of the estate (not the buildings), the Superintendent who has been appointed to be in charge of it, will be given the necessary personnel and assistance in order to keep the estate in proper condition, instead of allowing weeds and shrubs to grow therein, and thereby give it a more presentable appearance?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"The Government House Estates is not in such a neglected condition as the hon. Member presumes, but, however, the Government will take necessary action to keep it in proper condition, Sir."

Schools under private management taken over by Government under the Basic Education Scheme.

*74 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether any schools under private management were taken over by the Government in connexion with the scheme for Basic Education;

(b) if so, what the names of those schools and conditions governing such transfer are;

(c) the amounts spent on each school for making it serve the purpose of transfer;

(d) whether all these schools are still under the management of Government; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to retransfer any or all of the schools to the previous managements and if so, for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"(a) The Basic Training School at Perianayakanpalayam was taken over by Government in the month of July 1946 to train teachers under the scheme of Basic Education.

"(b) The management of the school agreed to transfer the school to Government subject to the condition that any temporary building put up in the premises by Government and any equipment supplied to the school during the period it was under Government control should be allowed to be retained by the management.

"(c) Rs. 51,728, of which Rs. 17,063-13-0 was towards stipends.

"(d) The school was returned to the management after being under Government management for the period from August 1946 to May 1948.

"(e) Does not arise."